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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION LAUNCHES HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

1. IN PUBLIC SPEECH APRIL 10, OPPOSITION JAMAICAN LABOUR PARTY (JLP) LEADER, EDDIE SEAGA, CALLED FOR A "LAWFUL CAMPAIGN OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE PNP GOVERNMENT". SEAGA CHARGED PNP WITH THE "CALCULATED DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS".

2. SEAGA ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO VISIT AMNESTY INTER-NATIONAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS TO "LAY A CASE AGAINST THE PNP GOVERNMENT FOR ITS ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS".

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT THE JLP SECRETARY, BRUCE GOLDING, ISSUED A STATEMENT, ALSO ON APRIL 10, ANNOUNCING THAT THE PARTY WOULD BOYCOTT THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 22 "AS A MARK OF PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUED ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER ACTS OF OPPRESSION BY THE GOVERNMENT". THE BOYCOTT WILL BE BRIEF AND SYMBOLIC, I.E. IT WILL END WHEN PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS BEGINS FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY THE
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GOVERNOR GENERAL.

4. IN SEEMING ANTICIPATORY COUNTERPOINT, THE GOJ NEWS AGENCY, API, HAS REPRODUCED AND GIVEN WIDE DISTRIBUTION JTO THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN JAMAICA. ALL MEDIA HAVE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE REPORT.

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5. FINALLY, AND STILL RELATED TO THE FOREGOING, A JAMAICA DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL APRIL 7 CALLED FOR AN END OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WHEN ITS LEGISLATIVE MANDATE EXPIRES IN JUNE. THE JAMAICA COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (KNOWN FOR ITS SPONSORSHIP OF PHILIP AGEE'S VISIT TO JAMAICA) HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR AN END TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.
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